

**IN THE CLAIMS**

10. (Presently Amended) A formulation comprising:

(a) a combination of at least one plant oil chosen from oils of fennel, basil, or one or more active ingredients thereof together with at least one of the group comprising methyl paraben, ethyl paraben, propyl paraben or butyl paraben; ~~or~~

(b) ~~a combination of an oil of fennel or one or more active ingredients thereof together with benzoic acid;~~

wherein said one or more active ingredients are trans-anethole, fenchone or estragole, wherein the concentration of fennel oil or basil oil or active ingredient thereof is between 0.01% to 1%, and wherein said formulation is used as a micro-organism inhibitor.

11. (Previously Amended) A formulation as claimed in claim 10 wherein the concentration of ~~benzoic acid~~, methyl paraben, ethyl paraben, propyl paraben or butyl paraben is from 0.01% to 1%.

12. (Cancelled)

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14. The formulation according to claim 10 wherein the formulation is in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

15. The formulation according to claim 11 wherein the formulation is in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

16. A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 10.

17. A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 11.

18. A formulation as claimed in claim 10 in a spray formulation.

19. A formulation as claimed in claim 11 in a spray formulation.

20. The formulation according to claim 10, wherein said combination comprises oil of fennel at a concentration in the range of 0.1 to 0.4%.

21. (currently amended) The formulation according to claim 20, wherein said combination comprises ~~at least one of benzoic acid or~~ methyl paraben at a concentration in the range of 0.05 to 0.5%.

22. The formulation according to claim 10, wherein said combination comprises oil of basil at a concentration in the range of 0.01 to 0.5%.

23. The formulation according to claim 22, wherein said combination comprises oil of basil at a concentration in the range of 0.05 to 0.5%.

24. A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 20.

25. A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 21.

26. A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 22.

27. A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 23.

28. (new) A formulation comprising:

a combination of oil of fennel or one or more active ingredients thereof together with benzoic acid; wherein said one or more active ingredients are fenchone or estragole, wherein the concentration of fennel oil or active ingredient thereof is between 0.01% to 1%, and wherein said formulation is used as a micro-organism inhibitor.

29. (new) A formulation as claimed in claim 10 wherein the concentration of benzoic acid is in the range of 0.01% to 1%.

30. (new) The formulation according to claim 28 wherein the formulation is in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

31. (new) The formulation according to claim 29 wherein the formulation is in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

32. (new) A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 28.

33. (new) A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 29.

34. (new) A formulation as claimed in claim 28 in a spray formulation.

35. (new) A formulation as claimed in claim 29 in a spray formulation.

36. (new) The formulation according to claim 28, wherein said combination comprises oil of fennel at a concentration in the range of 0.1% to 0.4%.

37. (new) The formulation according to claim 29, wherein said combination comprises oil of fennel at a concentration in the range of 0.1% to 0.4%.

38. (new) A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 36.

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39. (new) A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 36.